

## **Guidelines for Submissions to *Family Economics and Nutrition Review***

*Family Economics and Nutrition Review* (FENR) is a semi-annual journal published by the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, United States Department of Agriculture. Research articles and briefs are peer-reviewed. We will consider manuscripts concerning economic and nutritional issues related to the health and well-being of U.S. families. We are especially interested in studies about U.S. population groups at risk—from either an economic or a nutritional perspective. Research may be based on primary or secondary data as long as it is national or regional in scope or of national policy interest. Subject matter should be based on research findings of interest to a wide family economics and nutrition audience, including Federal, State, and local government officials, nutrition and economic educators, and social scientists.

### **Your submission should contain the following:**

- ◆ an affiliation page that lists the author's(s') full name, academic degree(s), employer, and title. This list of names must consist only of those who had an instrumental role in developing the manuscript being submitted.
- ◆ a short abstract (150 words) that summarizes the major findings. Abstracts are required for research articles, not for research briefs.
- ◆ text of 12 to 20 double-spaced pages for research articles or 5 to 10 double-spaced pages for research briefs. Tables are single spaced. Articles over 20 pages in length will be considered by the FENR editorial staff only in exceptional circumstances. Page limits include references but exclude author's(s') affiliation page, abstract page, tables, and graphs.
- ◆ no more than a total of five tables, graphs, and boxes for research articles and two for research briefs to illustrate major findings. Tables larger than 1 full page will not be considered. Tables and graphs labeled "1a, 1b, 1c," for example, will count as three submissions.
- ◆ acknowledgment of the source of funding for the research.

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FENR articles follow this general format: (1) abstract (for research articles only), (2) introduction, (3) background, (4) methods, (5) results, (6) conclusions, (7) acknowledgments, and (8) references.

Tables, boxes, graphs, and other graphics should include titles in bold and sources at the bottom (if the data are from another source). Tables should be arranged to fit vertically (portrait style) on the page and should be done in a word processing program (Word, WordPerfect) by using tabs rather than a table function.

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